

Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council

18 February 2022

8:30-10 am

Remote: Cisco Webex <https://fau.webex.com/meet/gosser>

Agenda

1) Approval of Minutes of 21 January 2022 meeting

2) UUPC Updates: (31 January 2022 meeting)

The following changes were approved:

- Reduce the number of credits (from 20 to 14) for the University Honors Program
- Program changes to WHC's English Literature concentration (recategorize program's courses)

3) Senate Updates: (31 January 2022 meeting)

The following changes were approved (WHC):

- BSC 3452 H Experimental Design and Data Analysis
- BSC 4422 H Molecular Ecology

4) New Business/Action items:

- From the WHC (Program Change form, justification, and catalog changes) (Dan Meeroff?)
 - New combined degree program in Biological and Physical Sciences (WHC) + Civil Engineering (CoE&CS): students in WHC would complete a second BS in a CEGE undergraduate program and then continue with an MS degree in Civil Engineering.
- From the Accounting Scholars Program (Angela Gaze, Julia Higgs, and George Young)
 - New combined degree program for ASP and a combined option for an M. Ac. Degree

5) Information Items:

- Answers/comments from Dean Patricia Smith (Dean, Honors College at U of Central Arkansas and NCHC program reviewer)
- Coursework to be considered as part of the number of honors credits needed to graduate with honors, should have an "honors" designation in the title? Reply/Comment I think having a course setup with Honors in the title is the best way to go. If this presents issues for some reason, then having a campus attribute that can be entered in the course management system is another way to track honors participation, but having "honors" in the title also allows future graduate schools and/or employers to see that the student participated in honors classes. If your campus allows for cross-listings, I wonder if they'd be willing to create a parent/child type course that has honors students sitting in one section parallel to the non-honors section, just to get the honors designation on there.
- Can graduate courses, such as the 3 that the engineering students in the BS/MS program take before graduating as undergraduates and go into the MS program, be counted as honors courses? Reply/Comment I don't see why not. I would think this would be a call that the program could make. Since they are in a program that is a joint BS/MS program, especially one as difficult to work around as engineering can be, then I think taking the courses where you can get them is fine. Similarly, if you could work with their chair to create an honors section and a non-honors section with parallel instructor/meeting times, then that would do the trick to get it on the transcript. We use the language "cross-listing" at our institution when we do this. We do often require something slightly different in terms of curricular expectations for the honors students, so that might apply above as well.
- Summary of my meeting with Provost Danilowicz on 9 February and his charge to propose a 4-year honors program, keep the honors in the major programs, and phase out the University Honors Program. (Russ Ivy will join us to answer questions)

6) Ongoing business

- Will be conducting the survey and focus groups with our current UHP students

7) Spring 2022 meetings: 18 March, 15 April

8) Any other business?

9) Adjourn